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The Department of Physics of the University of Ljubljana experienced great difficulties in August 1951 in attempting to locate 100 grams of toluene which were needed for laboratory work. After attempts to purchase this material from private and official agencies had proved unsuccessful, the Physics Department requested a loan of toluene from the state-owned dynamite factory at Kamnik (Stein), about 20 kilometers north-west of Ljubljana. The factory authorities replied that they had absolutely no toluene. Finally the Physics Department succeeded in obtaining 100 grams of inferior toluene which could scarcely be distilled. The source of this toluene, however, is not known.

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